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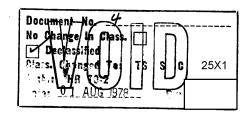
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- 1. New plans are being made to strengthen Yugoslav fortifications on the Adriatic islands during the year 1951. It has now been definitely decided, it is alleged, that these islands will be the final bastion of the Yugoslav Army in case the country is overrun by Soviet forces.
  - 2. Vis Island is receiving particular attention, and a series of concrete pill-boxes is being built along its coast. New security measures have been adopted on Vis and the local population is allowed to travel from one point to another only if they possess a special travel document issued by the Yugoslav Army. On the western end of the island, four or five kilometers south of Komiza, several bunkers have been excavated in the rock at sea level. The bunkers, about 25 meters high and between 18 and 20 meters wide, are destined to shelter submarines and other small naval craft.
  - 3. Other fortifications are being constructed on the islands of Curzola, Lesina, Brazza and Lagosta. At Curzola, on a hill above the small repair shippard, the Yugoslavs have installed a battery of Italian 149 mm. coastal defense guns to control the channel between Curzola and Sabioncello. All work on these fortifications is being carried out by the Vojno Gradevinsko Poduzece Lavcevic (Lavcevic Military Construction Enterprise) under military direction.

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